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SUBJ: HONG KONG ADDICTS REGISTRY: U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDING

REFS: (A) STATE 268155 (B) HONG KONG 13433 (STADIS)

1. HONG KONG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER E. I. LEE HAS
APPEALED STRONGLY FOR USG FUNDS TO BRING HK CENTRAL
ADDICTS REGISTRY INTO OPERATION BY SPRING '78 TARGET
DATE. COMMISSIONER LEE ESTIMATES THAT COSTS FOR PRO-
JECT'S AMERICAN CONSULTANTS, WERBELL AND NEWMAN, WILL
TOTAL US\$40,000 BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SPRING; AND HE
CONSIDERS WERBELL'S CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT WITH COMPUTER
PROGRAMMING ESSENTIAL TO REGISTRY'S SUCCESS. COMMISSIONER
LEE FEELS THAT THE NEW REGISTRY WILL BE INDISPENSABLE IN
ASSESSING AND PLANNING HKG ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICIES.
HE STATED THAT HKG WITH SOME DIFFICULTY
WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE MEANS TO FINANCE HALF THE
COST AND IN EXTREMIS WOULD PROABLY BE ABLE TO FINANCE
THE ENTIRE COST.

2. LEE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND USEFUL ON
NARCOTICS MATTERS. TO EASE ANY RESENTMENT OVER OUR
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ENDING OUR INVOLVEMENT IN A PROJECT WE HAD ORIGINALLY
INTENDED TO SUPPORT, WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. AGREE
TO PROVIDE UP TO US\$20,000 FOR THE PROJECT. WE
REALIZE THIS REPRESENTS AN EXCEPTION TO OUR OPPOSI-
TION TO FURTHER EXPENDITURE OF USG MONEY ON HK
NARCOTICS PROJECTS, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO END OUR
FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT HERE ON A RESPONSIVE NOTE IN

ORDER TO SUSTAIN OUR EXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH LEE.
SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT AGREE TO THE PROVISION OF
NIDA

REQUESTED FUNDS (PRESUMABLY FROM STATE DEPART-
MENT ALLOCATIONS BUT DISBURSED THROUGH NIDA) WE
PROPOSE TO INFORM LEE THAT THEY REPRESENT THE FINAL
USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HK DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY SINCE WE PROMISED
LEE AN EARLY ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST.
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